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The Church Home Society

for the Care of

Children of the Protestant Episcopal Church

Sixty-sixth
Annual Report
1923

“It is a pity that commonly more care is had, yea and that amongst very wise men, to find out rather a cunning man for their horse than a cunning man for their children. They say nay in word, but they do so in deed. For to the one they will gladly give a stipend of 200 crowns and loath to offer to the other 200 shillings. God that sitteth in heaven laugheth their choice to scorn and rewardeth their liberality as it should, for he suffereth them to have a tame and well ordered horse, but wild and unfortunate children, and therefore in the end they find more pleasure in their horse than comfort in their children.”

*Written in the early days of Queen Elizabeth
by Old Roger Ascham.*

The Church Home Society

*Cares for Episcopal Children
in Episcopal families*

OFFICES
24 MT. VERNON STREET
BOSTON

FOUNDED 1855
INCORPORATED 1858

Marlborough, Church of the Holy Trinity

Maynard, St. George's Church

Medfield, Church of the Advent

Medford, Grace Church

Melrose, Trinity Church

Methuen, All Saints' Church

Milton, St. Michael's Church

Natick, St. Paul's Church

Needham, Christ Church

New Bedford, Grace Church

Newton, Grace Church

Newton (West and Auburndale), Church of the Messiah

Newton (Lower Falls), St. Mary's Church

Newton (Newtonville), St. John's Church

Newton (Highlands), St. Paul's Church

Newton (Centre), Trinity Church

Norwood, Grace Church

Peabody, St. Paul's Church

Quincy, Christ Church

Quincy (Wollaston), St. Chrysostom's Church

Reading, Church of the Good Shepherd

Salem, Grace Church

Somerville, Christ Church

Somerville, Emmanuel Church

Somerville (West), St. James's Church

Southborough, St. Mark's Church

Stoughton, Trinity Church

Taunton, St. Thomas's Church

Wakefield, Emmanuel Church

Waltham, Christ Church

Wareham, Church of the Good Shepherd

Watertown, Church of the Good Shepherd

West Newbury, All Saints' Church

Weston, St. Peter's Church

Weymouth, Trinity Church

Whitman, All Saints' Mission

Winchester, Church of the Epiphany

Winthrop, St. John's Church

Woburn, Trinity Church

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

During the past year the society has continued to care for children in foster homes in much the same way as it has done for the past ten years.

The significant item of interest is our new relationship to the diocese. In January we were accepted by the Bishop and Council as a diocesan institution under the supervision of the Department of Social Service, a position which gives us the backing of the Church so essential to our continued progress. It has brought too a grant of \$16,000, which has relieved our financial situation to some extent. It must, however, be borne in mind that the society has attempted to raise about \$20,000 from individuals in addition to this amount.

Another event was the removal of our office headquarters in June from Boylston Street to the present address at 24 Mt. Vernon Street. The main reason for this change was for the sake of closer co-operation with two other child-caring agencies located in the same building. Before our lease here is up it is hoped some arrangement may be made whereby we may be permanently housed with these and other children's agencies in a centrally located office building. Such an arrangement should have advantages over the present decentralization of social agencies.

Such questions as the following come so frequently to our attention it has been thought worthwhile to reply to them in this report.

QUESTION

ANSWER

If The Church Home Society is for Church children, why do you not care for all such children as need placement away from their families?

Our funds are too limited for us even to realize this, however ideal it might be. To do so would mean to multiply our budget many times over since it is likely that there are between 1000 and 1500 such children and we can care for only a fraction of this number.

What Church children do you then think suitable for care by The Church Home Society?

1. Those who need special study and supervision because of physical defect or conduct difficulty, as well as those who, because of unusual ability, have greater promise if given special attention, and

QUESTION

ANSWER

2. Children whose own homes offer the likelihood of rehabilitation if special efforts can be made, and whose parents indicate a willingness and ability to co-operate to that end.

3. Those for whom the city and state departments cannot provide because of lack of statutory power.

Are you limited to those children whose parents, friends or church will reimburse for their support?

No, and last year we cared for 89 without any reimbursement. Practically, because of our limited income it is important to have reimbursement from some source if possible, and this item is taken into account in considering each case. In itself it is not a deciding factor.

How much money was received from parents last year and for how many children?

\$13,082.43 for 101 children.

How many children were supported last year by churches and how much was contributed from this source?

Five children partially supported by two churches. \$675 was contributed.

Could you not take care of more children if less were paid for their board?

Undoubtedly this is true and we should be glad to know of Church families able and willing to devote their lives to this cause without remuneration. As it is we feel that \$4.50 a week, the average board paid, does not more than cover the cost to the family and in no way pays for the devotion and loyalty expressed by the foster parents in their efforts to shape the lives of our children.

QUESTION

What happened to the 281 children to whom services other than foster home care were rendered last year?

What can the churches do to help further this work of The Church Home Society?

ANSWER

Plans were made for all. Some were able to stay with their families perhaps under the supervision of the church. Some were sent to feeble-minded or correctional institutions more suited to their care. Some were placed by the Division of Child Guardianship. Family, health and community social agencies became responsible for the remainder, according to the need of each.

1. Visit children placed in your parish, making certain that the church connection is all that it might be.

2. Arrange for a speaker to talk to groups of men and women in your church to explain the work.

3. Sew for us through the Supply Bureau of the Church Service League, which has been of great service in making garments and layettes.

4. Provide automobile service to facilitate the travel of our visitors and in the transportation of our children to clinics, etc.

5. Advise us of opportunities for placing children in good homes of church people where they will be given an opportunity to develop into useful citizens.

6. Sponsor one or more children for whom you will be responsible either for board (\$250) a year, clothing (\$100 a year) or medical care (\$15 a year).

7. Seek contributions of money from your parishioners who will give direct to the society for its general work or indicate in your quota that it is to be designated for use by The Church Home Society.

The statistics on page 9 show the volume of our work for the year. They do not show its QUALITY. That can only be appreciated by knowing in detail the faithful devoted service rendered year in and year out by the group of foster mothers—and foster fathers too—who are patiently co-operating with the society's visitors in plans for the welfare of the children in their care. Modern scientific methods of child care have been combined with the spirit of Christian nurture to give these children what they have usually lacked in their own homes,—a fair fighting chance in life. And we do not stop with the children. Our aim is to help the parents to such a realization of their obligations that family ties are not weakened by the enforced separation. On the contrary they are advised and assisted to re-establish broken homes and ultimately to take their children home again. Even after the home is re-established our interest is expressed in visits to make sure that all is going well; and because of the friendly relations already established, these visits are welcomed by parents who look upon the society and especially upon their particular visitor as a "next friend".

KATHARINE P. HEWINS.

STATISTICS

RESUMÉ OF WORK FOR THE YEAR

	Children
Helped by the Department of Advice and Assistance only.....	281
Cared for by the Department of Foster Homes.....	190
Total helped during the year.....	471

DEPARTMENT OF ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE

	Families	Boys	Girls	Children
Pending January 1, 1923	17	18	12	30
New Applications	175	143	141	284
Recurrent applications	14	9	9	18
Inquiries	12	1	1	2
	218	171	163	334

DISPOSITION OF APPLICATIONS

	Families	Boys	Girls	Children
Withdrawn	23	20	7	27
Directed (applications)	7	5	4	9
Directed (inquiries)	10	0	0	0
Transferred to other agencies.....	23	21	19	40
Accepted as cases.....	151	123	131	254
Pending December 31, 1923.....	4	2	2	4
	218	171	163	334

ACCEPTED CASES

Pending January 1, 1923.....	0	0	0	0
Accepted applications	151	123	131	254

DISPOSITION OF ACCEPTED CASES

Withdrawn	42	29	37	66
Adjusted	12	20	5	25
Unadjusted	6	6	10	16
Advised	7	4	8	12
Transferred to other agencies.....	29	26	22	48
Transferred to Department Foster Home Care.....	34	27	26	53
Pending December 31, 1923.....	21	11	23	34
	151	123	131	254
Helped (Aside from Foster Home care)	184	144	137	281

SUMMARY OF CO-OPERATING RELATIONS

FAMILIES REFERRED BY AGENCIES :		FAMILIES ASSUMED BY AGENCIES :	
Public	12	Public	11
Private	99	Private	52
Churches	42	Churches	5
Relatives and others.....	48	Relatives and others.....	85
	201		153

DEPARTMENT OF FOSTER HOMES

HOME FINDING

Pending January 1, 1923.....		11
Applications considered:		
New Applications	252	
Old Applications revived	42	
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		305
Dealt with as follows:		
Approved		45
Unsuited to our needs.....		46
Disapproved		17
Referred to other agencies as coming from families other than Episcopal		24
Withdrawn		143
Pending January 1, 1924.....		30
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SOURCES OF THE 252 NEW APPLICATIONS

Referred by Churches.....	14
Newspaper advertisements by the Society and Publicity.....	151
Referred by foster homes of the Society.....	22
Referred by other children's agencies.....	13
Miscellaneous sources	52
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SOURCES OF 45 APPROVED HOMES

(17% of the 252 applications)

Referred by Churches	3	(7%)
Newspaper advertisements by the Society and Publicity.....	11	(24%)
Referred by foster homes of the Society.....	7	(16%)
Referred by other children's agencies.....	4	(9%)
Miscellaneous sources	20	(44%)

PLACEMENT

In care January 1, 1923	Children 137
Children received and placed in foster homes	51
Children received and supervised in their own families	2
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Total number cared for during the year	190

Discharged	
To relatives	15
To guardian	1
Self-supporting	4
Married	1
Private agencies	3
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In Care December 31, 1923

In boarding homes

Society meeting expense	93
Child meeting expense	7
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	100

In free homes	13
In wage homes	6
With parents	30
Otherwise placed	17
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	166

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Average number of children cared for per month: 151.83.

Total number of weeks' care given: 7692

**TABLE SHOWING AGE PERIODS
AT WHICH CHILDREN WERE RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR**

	Under 1 yr	1 yr	2 yrs	3 yrs	4 yrs	5 yrs	6 yrs	7 yrs	8 yrs	9 yrs	10 yrs	11 yrs	12 yrs	13 yrs	14 yrs	15 yrs	16 yrs	17 yrs	18 yrs	19 yrs	20 yrs	21 yrs	28 yrs	Totals
Boys.....	4	1	5	..	2	1	1	3	1	..	1	..	2	1	....	1	1	..	..	....	1	....	....	25
Girls.....	5	1	....	1	....	2	3	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	....	1	1	28
Totals	9	2	5	1	2	3	4	4	1	..	1	1	3	2	2	3	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	53

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY

New Examinations	44
Re-examinations	36
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	80
Intelligence Status:	
Superior Normal	7
Normal	34
Dull Normal	21
Borderline	10
Feeble-minded	5
Undiagnosed	3
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Special Interviews	30
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REPORT OF THE TREASURER

ASSETS

BONDS

18000	American Telephone & Telegraph Co. 4's, 1929.....	\$17,008.75
10000	Appalachian Power Co. 5's, 1941	8,745.00
5000	Armour & Co. 5½'s	4,812.22
4000	Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R.R. Gen. Mtge. 4's, 1995	3,990.00
5000	Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R.R. Adj. 4's, 1995.....	4,928.48
5000	Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 1st Mtge. 4's, 1948	4,893.05
2000	Birmingham Water Works 5's, 1939	2,000.00
4000	Canadian Pacific Equip. 6, 1928	3,845.00
10000	Carolina Power & Light Co. 6's, 1953	9,750.00
2500	Cedars Rapids Mfg. & Power Co. 5's, 1953	2,337.50
11000	Central Branch Union Pacific 4's, 1948	8,580.00
2000	Central Vt. R.R. 1st Mtge. 5's, 1930	1,840.00
4000	Chicago & Eastern Illinois R.R. 1st Consol. 6%, 1934.....	4,720.00
10000	Chicago Jct. Rys. & Union Stock Yds. 4's, 1940	8,200.00
5000	Chicago Jct. Rys. & Union Stock Yds. 5%, 1940	4,950.00
5000	Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Conv. 5's, 2014	5,068.75
10000	Columbus Rwy. Power & Light Co. 5's, 1940	9,700.00
10000	Consolidated Electric Co. of Calif. 5's, 1955	8,900.00
5000	Electrical Securities Corp. 15 series 5's, 1952	4,621.70
5000	Electrical Securities Corp. 17 series 5's, 1953	4,700.00
5000	Indianapolis Water Power Co. 5½'s, 1953	4,800.00
10000	Interborough Rapid Transit Co. First & Ref. Mtge. 5's, 1966	9,793.75
7000	Kansas City Clinton & Springfield R.R. 1st Mtge. Gold 5's, 1925	7,000.00
5000	Laurentian Power Co., Ltd. 6's, 1936	4,900.00
10000	Minneapolis Gas Light Co. 5's, 1930	10,050.00
1000	N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. Debenture 4's, 1930	1,012.50
5000	New Orleans Public Service 5's, 1952	4,500.00
4000	Norway 6's, 1943	3,860.00
5000	Pacific Gas & Electric Co. 5½'s, 1952	4,775.00
3000	Southern Calif. Tel. Co. 5's, 1947	2,790.00
8000	Utah Light & Traction Co. 5's, 1944	7,280.00
5000	West End St. Rwy. Co. 4½'s, 1930	4,787.50
5000	Yadkin River Power Co. 5's, 1941	4,625.00
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		\$193,764.20

STOCKS

50 sh.	Amer. Tel. & Tel. Co.	5,599.17
67 sh.	Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe	6,700.00
2 sh.	Boston Elevated Rwy.	68.00
5 sh.	Boston & Maine R.R. 1st pfd.	625.00
40 sh.	Boston Wharf Co.	5,240.00
113 sh.	Chicago Jct. Rys. & Union Stock Yds. pfd.	13,244.00
3225 sh.	Dunkin Mining Co.	
7 sh.	Great Northern Iron Ore Properties	193.38
12 sh.	Great Northern Rwy. Co.	1,080.00
10 sh.	Northern Pacific R.R.	840.00
17 sh.	Old Colony R.R.	2,890.00
5 sh.	Suffolk Real Estate Trust	5,350.00
50 sh.	University Associates	5,250.00
42 sh.	Prior pfd.	
99 sh.	Pfd.	
175 sh.	Common Class B.	
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		51,309.55
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Forward		\$245,073.75

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Mortgage Notes:		
Maria L. Harney		2,300.00
Miscellaneous:		
Chicago Real Estate Agreement and Declaration of Trust	\$10,000.00	
City Real Estate Agreement and Declaration of Trust.....	5,000.00	
Mass. Hospital Life Ins. Policies	9,000.00	
Suffolk Savings Bank	8.33	
		24,008.33
Cash on hand December 31, 1923.....		453.06
		<u>\$271,835.14</u>

LIABILITIES

Deposits from Children		\$34.09
Trust Funds (Income only to be used) :		
Robert Charles Billings Fund	\$2,000.00	
Chapel Fund	148.88	
John Henry Eastburn Fund	5,000.00	
John Davis Williams French Fund	16,891.18	
French Fund for Easter Flowers	525.00	
H. E. C. Fund	1,840.00	
Sarah E. Lawrence Fund	10,000.00	
William R. and Susan C. Lawrence Fund	5,000.00	
Anne B. Leeds Fund	50,000.00	
Robert M. Mason Fund	17,697.93	
Sarah Ellen Mason Fund	5,000.00	
Mudge Fund	5,000.00	
Jonathan Eastman Pecker Fund	950.00	
Permanent Fund	5,072.48	
Reed Fund	7,500.00	
Rice Fund	10,000.00	
Sever Fund	770.25	
Louisa Briggs Stanwood Fund	6,150.00	
		149,545.72
General Fund:		
Unrestricted Balance, Jan. 2, 1923	\$102,121.54	
Add:		
Bequests	\$34,541.57	
Less:		
Loss on Investments	10,750.68	23,790.89
		<u>\$125,912.43</u>
Deduct:		
Excess of Expenditure over Income	3,657.10	122,255.33
		<u>\$271,835.14</u>

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF INCOME

RECEIPTS

For service rendered:

Relatives	\$13,082.43	
Church and individuals	879.46	
	<u> </u>	\$13,961.89

Investments:

Net income from endowments and trust funds:		
General	\$12,600.40	
Restricted	474.00	
	<u> </u>	13,074.40
Interest on bank balance	74.22	
	<u> </u>	13,148.62

Contributions:

Donations and supscriptions	11,006.85	
Churches and organizations	1,524.44	
Bishop and Council Dept. Social Service	16,000.00	
Permanent Charity Fund, Inc.	1,000.00	
	<u> </u>	29,531.29

Sundries	75.36	
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Total current receipts		\$56,717.16
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Transfer from capital to pay deficit		3,657.10
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Balance from previous year:

Old Colony Trust Co.	2,126.33	
Petty Cash	450.62	
	<u> </u>	2,576.95

\$62,951.21

EXPENDITURES

Department Advice and Assistance :

Salaries	\$1,760.00	
Travel	163.53	
Sundries20	
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Department Foster Homes :

Salaries	9,194.13	
Travel	2,084.18	
Board	24,143.59	
Clothing	5,036.55	
Medical :		
Salaries	\$2,981.20	
Travel	250.64	
Outside	367.66	
Medicine	139.95	
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Legal	325.00	
Tuition	450.00	
Recreation and Allowances	274.51	
Cathedral service	68.66	
Christmas	79.13	
Advertising	118.45	
Special Case	428.54	
Sundries	345.87	
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Administrative Department :

Salaries	8,995.68	
Rent	2,565.66	
Telephone	932.46	
Stationery, postage, etc.,	587.66	
Furniture, Equipment	72.00	
Travel	173.26	
Treasurer's expenses	90.00	
Joint Cooperative Movements	303.58	
Accrued Interest	10.67	
Insurance	20.57	
Sundries	41.39	
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Department Finance and Publicity :

Annual Report	195.44	
Advertising	180.72	
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Moving Offices	570.33	
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AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

89 State Street, Boston, Mass.
January 10, 1924.

Chairman Auditing Committee,
Church Home Society,
24 Mt. Vernon Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the instructions of your committee, we have made an audit of the accounts of the treasurer of the Church Home Society for the Care of Children of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the period from January 1, 1923 to and including December 31, 1923.

We Hereby Certify that all cash shown to have been received has been properly accounted for; that all disbursements have been regularly made and are supported by adequate vouchers; that the cash balance of December 31, 1923, as shown by the books after reconciliation with the bank statements, was actually on hand and deposited in the banks as of that date; and that the report of the treasurer is in agreement with the books and sets forth a true statement of the financial activities of the society for the period stated.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) CHARLES F. RITTENHOUSE & COMPANY,
Certified Public Accountants.

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions:

836 individuals	\$11,006.85	
58 churches and church organizations	1,524.44	
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Special Cases:

16 individuals	204.46	
2 churches and church organizations	675.00	
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		\$13,410.75

ANALYSIS OF CONTRIBUTIONS OF 836 INDIVIDUALS

Less than \$5.00	308
\$5.00 to 10.00	229
10.00 to 25.00	178
25.00 to 50.00	76
50.00 to 100.00	13
100.00 to 200.00	25
200.00 and over	7
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There are approximately 74,000 Communicants in Massachusetts.

Names of contributors have been omitted to reduce size and expense of this report.

